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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Johann Karl et al.

Appln. No.: 09/890,442

Examiner: James Leslie Grun,  
Ph.D.

Filed: January 31, 2002

Art Unit: 1641

For: Assay for the Detection of N-Terminal  
proBNP

Attorney Docket No: 9793/73

Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in duplicate; check for \$340; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR 1.136(a) in duplicate.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$420 for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

*October 4, 2004*  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 4, 2004 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 20-73 and 75-141.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

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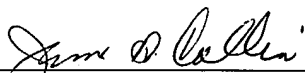
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1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
2. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee \$340 for a large entity.  
☒ Enclosed  
☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)  
☐ Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 4, 2004

  
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